

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus, comprising:  
an image forming section; and  
a sheet feed apparatus aligned to feed a sheet to the image forming section and  
comprising  
a sheet feed roller in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets,  
and  
a tilt member ~~comprising a first synthetic resin and~~ opposing the sheet feed roller, said  
tilt member including  
a contact face in pressing contact with the sheet feed roller, and  
a tilt face in contact with an edge of the uppermost sheet, said tilt face and said  
contact face each comprising ~~another synthetic resin, said another synthetic resin comprising~~  
one of  
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),  
polyethylene (PE),  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and  
polyimide (PI).

Claim 2 (Cancelled):

Claim 3 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said  
tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyethylene (PE).

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyimide (PI).

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said entire tilt member comprises at least one of:

~~polybutylene terephthalate (PBT);~~  
polyethylene (PE);  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK); and  
polyimide (PI).

Claim 9 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said tilt member comprises:

a support member comprising at least one of

ABS resin;  
polyacetal (POM);  
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT); and  
polycarbonate (PC).

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Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A sheet feed apparatus, comprising:

a sheet feed roller in pressing contact with an uppermost sheet of a plurality of sheets;

and

a tilt member ~~comprising a synthetic resin and~~ opposing the sheet feed roller, said tilt member including

a contact face in pressing contact with the sheet feed roller, and

a tilt face in contact with an edge of the uppermost sheet, said tilt face and said contact face each ~~comprising another synthetic resin, said another synthetic resin comprising~~ one of

~~polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),~~

polyethylene (PE),

poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and

polyimide (PI).

Claim 11 (Cancelled):

Claim 12 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyethylene (PE).

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 15 (Original): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyimide (PI).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The sheet feed apparatus according to claim 10, said entire tilt member comprising at least one of:

~~polybutylene terephthalate (PBT);~~  
polyethylene (PE);  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK); and  
polyimide (PI).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A face for use in a sheet separator tilt member of a sheet feed apparatus, ~~said sheet separator tilt member comprising a synthetic resin,~~ comprising one of:

~~another synthetic resin, said another synthetic resin comprising one of~~  
~~polybutylene terephthalate (PBT);~~  
polyethylene (PE),  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and  
polyimide (PI),

wherein the face is at least one of a contact face and a tilt face.

Claim 18 (Cancelled):

Claim 19 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face comprises polyethylene (PE).

Claim 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face comprises poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 22 (Original): The face according to claim 17, wherein said face and said contact face each comprises polyimide (PI).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A sheet feed apparatus, comprising:  
means for sequentially feeding sheets to an imaging device; and  
means for separating individual sheets with a tilt member comprising a synthetic resin and a tilt face and a contact face, said tilt face and contact face each comprising another synthetic resin comprising one of  
polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),  
polyethylene (PE),  
poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and  
polyimide (PI).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): In a method for feeding sheets to an imaging device, the improvement comprising:  
separating individual sheets with a tilt member comprising a synthetic resin and a tilt face and a contact face, said tilt face and contact face each comprising another synthetic resin comprising one of:

polybutylene terephthalate (PBT),  
polyethylene (PE),

poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and  
polyimide (PI).

Claim 25 (Cancelled):

Claim 26 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyethylene (PE).

Claim 27 (Cancelled).

Claim 28 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK).

Claim 29 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein said tilt face and said contact face each comprise polyimide (PI).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one of ~~polybutylene terephthalate (PBT)~~, polyethylene (PE), poly-ether-ether-ketone (PEEK), and polyimide (PI) is mixed with a glass fiber.